



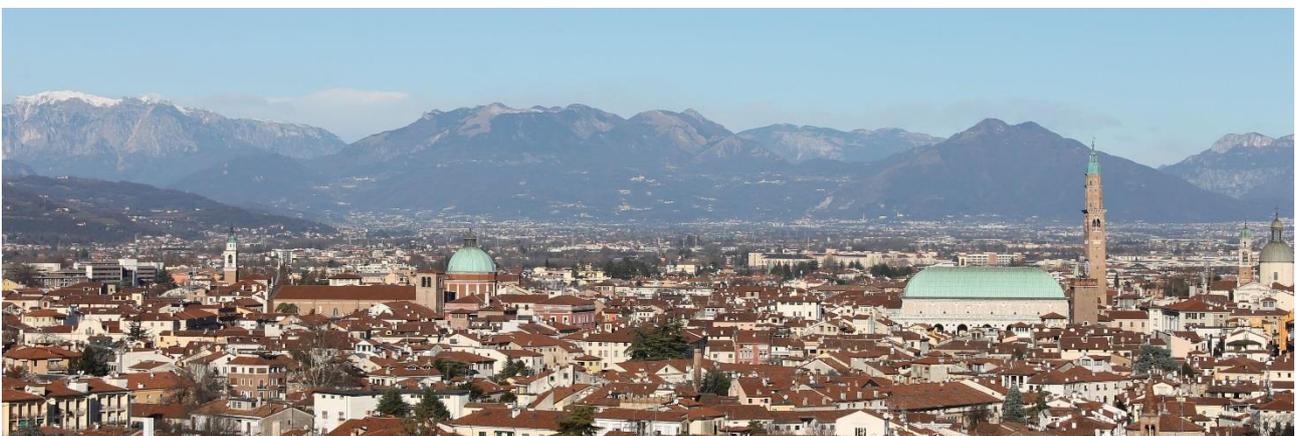
WINE ROUTE ON THE SWEET HILLS AROUND VICENZA

Along the wine roads and discovering architecture
and art treasures around Venetian villas

1st DAY

Arrival in the morning.

Guided walking tour in the historical city centre of Vicenza with a visit of the **Teatro Olimpico**, one of the artistic wonders of Vicenza and the Art Gallery of **Palazzo Chiericati** that hosts a collection composed by paintings, sculptures and applied arts realized from the 1200s to the beginning of the 2000s. Walking through the suggestive streets you can admire the palaces that the Unesco included in the Heritage List such as Palazzo Barbaran Da Porto, Palazzo Thiene, Palazzo Valmarana Braga Rosa and in the main square the **Palladian Basilica**, symbol and iconic building of Vicenza. Aperitif in one of the most beautiful and suggestive panoramic viewpoint in the historic centre: the panoramic terrace of the Basilica.



Lunch in a traditional restaurant, meeting the flavours of local recipes.

In the afternoon, visit to a traditional artisan factories in Vicenza (one of the following):

- **BUSATO PRINTING STUDIOS:** the Busato family Printing Studios have been located in a 16th century palace in the historic centre of Vicenza for over sixty years. The owner started his own lithography and chalcography activity, thanks to the uncommon work-experience he had acquired in some of the most important artistic “botteghe” of the Veneto region since 1924. Year after year, the Busato Printing Studios consolidated their fame as a reference point for a large number of famous Italian and international artists. Thanks to its expertise, it offers you the possibility to interact with local artisans and select a refined present: every single work is hand printed and every single print is unique, thanks to the handwritten serial number and to the artist signature.
- **GOLDSMITH WORKSHOP DANIELA VETTORI:** the atelier is located in the historical downtown of Vicenza, just a short distance from the Basilica Palladiana, emblem of the city and heritage of Unesco. Here Daniela Vettori opened her workshop in 1981 and here she exposes her creations and she personally meets clients to suggest and create unique and customized jewels. In the atelier are also exposed special design silver objects and craft accessories. In this "open-space" Daniela Vettori organizes events, exhibitions and meetings with other artistic figures for cultural and creative exchanges.
- **VENEZIA PATISSERIE:** the products of Venice patisserie are famous over all for its variety: paste or fresh cakes and bakery, Bavarian mousses, biscuits, jams and pretzels. Only with natural ingredients, the pastry shop points on quality and freshness characteristics, aware of their importance for the success of a good product: milk and fresh butter, fresh eggs, fine Belgian chocolate, Apulian almonds, hazelnuts from Piedmont, etc. Tourists have the opportunity to visit the workshop and to taste some representative cookies of Venice tradition.

Free time.

Aperitif and dinner in the suggestive location of a cellar.

Overnight at the hotel.

2nd DAY

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure for the all-day guided tour in the Colli Berici Doc-Area.



Visit to the **Monte Berico sanctuary** with a stop on the large square, to enjoy the view of the town, surrounded by the mountain range of the Pasubio and the Grappa. Walk down to the Villa Valmarana “ai Nani” that gets its nickname “ai nani” (dwarfs) from the sculptured dwarfs with eighteenth-century clothing, lined up on the perimeter wall. Visit to the the interiors to discover frescoes painted by the Tiepolos and the portrait of Andrea Palladio. Walk to **Villa La Rotonda**, the most famous villa

of Palladio. The villa was copied all around the world; the White House in Washington is also inspired to the design of La Rotonda. Stop for a glimpse from outside.

Lunch in a restaurant with wine tasting, meeting the flavours local recipes.

In the afternoon, transfer to Montegalda and visit to Villa Fogazzaro Colbacchini, 17th-century villa that hosts the unique bell Museum. The park of the villa, conceived as a romantic trail, can also be visited.

Visit to the traditional artisan distillery **DISTILLERIA BRUNELLO**. In 1840 in Montegalda, it all began with a woman: the oldest artisan distillery in Italy was founded in 1840 by the Brunello brothers. It all began with Maria Marzari, one of the first women entrepreneurs in the world of grappa making. Today, the Brunello brothers feel the need to contribute to innovation at their distillery, whose strength lies in the over 175 years of history. Visiting their distillery, tourists have the opportunity to know their product lines, the variety of the distillates and to taste typical Italian grappa.

Dinner in an local agritourism with home made products and wines.
Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

3rd DAY

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure for the all-day guided tour in the Colli Berici Doc-Area. In the morning guided visit of the **Villa Cordellina** Lombardi in Montecchio Maggiore a sumptuous residence which contains a cycle of frescoes by Giambattista Tiepolo. Visit to the **medieval castles** which front each other on the hills of Montecchio Maggiore bring back the memory of the feud between the Capuleti and the Montecchi families, and the two lovers made famous by Shakespeare, but invented by the Vicenza- born Luigi da Porto.



As an alternative:

Visit to the unique spaces of the **Bisazza Foundation** that include an area of more than 1,000 m², which is dedicated to exhibitions and installations of internationally famous designers from prestigious foreign institutions.

For the aperitif: a glass of local Durello wine could be the ideal!

Lunch in a typical restaurant, meeting the flavours of local recipes.

In the early afternoon, visit of the marvellous **Villa Pisani Bonetti** in Bagnolo di Lonigo, maybe the most representative work by the young Andrea Palladio.



Or as an alternative:

In the afternoon visit of the **villa Fracanzan Piovene in Orgiano**. It was built in the 18th century by the Baroque architect Francesco Muttoni and is at the centre of a large complex of ancient buildings. A very famous feature is the kitchen with its collection of copper objects and the red marble sink which Napoleon wanted to transfer to the Louvre.



In the late afternoon, visit to **OLEIFICIO BERICO - Barbarano Vicentino**: the visit to the oil mill allows tourists to know the olive oil production process, from pressing to bottling. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the traditional extra virgin olive oil produced in the Berici and Euganei hills.

As an alternative:

visit to **DISTILLERIA LIDIA - Villaga**: the birth of this distillery dates back to the early sixties, by the founder Lidia (the name of the founder suggested the acronym Liqueurs - Distillates - Analogous). The company is in its third generation, has been family owned and it now produces only grappa. The result is a higher quality product in limited quantity: we think that our grappa can satisfy the most demanding connoisseurs and conquer even the less experienced. We look forward to welcoming you on our premises, to make you taste our best products.

Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.